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 Senator Bill Bradley
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Dear Senator Bradley:

This is in response to your letter of August 8, 1986 on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Vicki Woidt, concerning the Asbestos Dump Superfund Site in Millington, New Jersey.

Recently, the National Gypsum Corporation, acting under a consent agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), initiated a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the Asbestos Dump Site. EPA's investigation will also include the property known as 651 Whitebridge Road, where asbestos containing materials were alleged to have been disposed of from the main site in Millington.

On August 20, 1986, EPA held a public meeting to discuss the RI/FS process and the specific sampling and analytical activities planned for the Asbestos Dump Site. The Remedial Investigation is designed to identify the nature and extent of the contamination at the site. It will determine the local hydrogeologic characteristics and evaluate groundwater quality and movement in the vicinity of the site. It will also determine the extent of soil, air and surface water contamination at the site. The Feasibility Study portion of the RI/FS will evaluate several remedial solutions for the site.

During the planned RI/FS, soil, air, potable well water and surface water samples will be collected and analyzed for asbestos and other possible contaminants. Although asbestos is the contaminant of primary concern, EPA will analyze all samples for a variety of potential pollutants, in addition to asbestos.

The RI is scheduled to be completed within the next five months. The results from this study should enable us to determine the full nature and extent of contamination present at the site.

As a component of the RI/FS, the Agency will be performing a risk assessment for the site based on the data obtained from the RI. The risk assessment will evaluate any long-term, potential or actual risk that the site poses to public health and the environment. At this time, there is no evidence of any immediate risk to public health from the asbestos material. However, let me assure you that should any information be developed to the contrary, we would immediately notify appropriate individuals and take immediate action to mitigate the threat.

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Your interest in the environment is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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